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RESIST SURVEILLANCE

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Detekt is a free tool that scans your Windows computer for traces of known surveillance spyware used to target and monitor human rights defenders and journalists around the world.

In recent years we have witnessed a huge growth in the adoption and trade in communication surveillance technologies. Such spyware provides the ability to read personal emails, listen-in skype conversations or even remotely turn on a computers camera and microphone without its owner knowing about it.

Some of this software is widely available on the Internet, while some more sophisticated alternatives are made and sold by private companies based in industrialized countries to state law enforcement and intelligence agencies in

IT HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED THAT GOVERNMENTS ARE USING SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

countries across the world.

There is little to no regulation currently in place to safeguard against these technologies being sold or used by repressive governments or others who are likely to use them for serious human rights violations and abuses.

You can find many reports on the use of spyware against civil society here. You can learn more about the trade in unlawful surveillance equipment by visiting the
Coalition Against Unlawful
Surveillance Exports
website.

TO TARGET HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS, NGOS, POLITICAL OPPONENTS, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC MINORITIES AND TO CONDUCT COUNTRYWIDE SURVEILLANCE.

If you suspect you are at risk of surveillance, learn how to use Detekt here.

If you are technical, learn more about how Detekt works and how to contribute here.

Please beware that Detekt is a best effort tool. While it may have been effective in previous investigations, it does not provide a conclusive guarantee that your computer is not compromised by the spyware it aims to detect. The tool is provided

as is, without warranties or guarantees of any kind.

☐IS DETEKT FOR ME?

If you suspect that your work or activities put you at risk of targeted surveillance you may wish to use Detekt to scan your computer for traces of known spyware.

It is important to underline that if Detekt does not find trace of spyware on a computer, it does not necessarily mean that none is present. Some spyware will likely be updated in response to the release of Detekt in order to avoid detection. In addition, there may be existing versions of spyware, from these or other providers, which are not detected by this tool.

To learn more we recommend you visit EFF's Surveillance Self-Defense.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOU ARE AT RISK OF TARGETED SURVEILLANCE YOU SHOULD ALWAYS SEEK AND FOLLOW SECURITY ADVICE TO ENSURE YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

IN YOUR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS.

☐ HOW DOES IT WORK?

Before launching the tool, close all applications and make sure the computer is disconnected from the Internet. if spyware is detected, you should not reconnect the computer to the Internet again until it has been cleaned. There are reports of Antivirus software being mistakenly detected as a false positive, please make sure to close your Antivirus before executing.

☐ STEP 1.

In order to use Detekt you need to execute it with administrative rights. You can do this by clicking with the right mouse button on the icon and selecting "Run As Administrator".

On Windows XP a simple double-click should be sufficient.
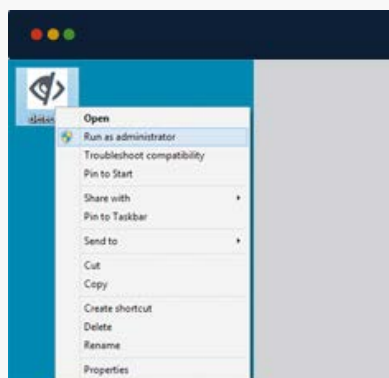
☐ STEP 2.

Detekt is currently available in Amharic, Arabic, English,

German, Italian and Spanish. You can choose your preferred languagea from a dropdown menu.

Once launched, the tool will open a graphical interface and when instructed to Scan, it will start analyzing the computer's memory in order to look for traces of the spyware.

This scanning process might take even up to 30 minutes, depending on the performances of the computer.

☐ STEP 3.

When the execution is completed, the tool will present the outcome of the scan and will clearly indicate whether an infection was found.

The tool also generates a log file with additional details that can be useful for technical experts to further investigate. We recommend you print or save a copy of the log file (somewhere other than your infected computer) and provide this to a technical expert when seeking assistance.

☐ WHAT SHOULD I DO IF☐DETEKT IDENTIFIES SPYWARE?

In case the tool identifies the presence of some spyware on your computer, you should [follow the instructions available here](#) and seek assistance. In some cases Detekt can be wrong so it is important to have an expert review your computer.

Detekt does not remove any infection or delete any file that it considers suspicious. If Detekt indicates signs of infection, you should assume that your computer has been compromised and is no longer safe for use. The attacker will likely have remote-control access of your computer, meaning they can view not only your files and emails but everything you type on your keyboard and could even switch on your webcam and microphone remotely.

DISCONNECT THE COMPUTER FROM THE INTERNET IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM AN EXPERT.

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Detekt is released in partnership with <u>Amnesty International</u>, <u>Digitale Gesellschaft</u>, <u>Electronic Frontier Foundation</u> and <u>Privacy International</u>.

This tool has been released publicly in order to provide researchers, human rights workers, journalists and others who suspect they are targets of unlawful surveillance with the means to easily test their computers for known spyware

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The tool is free and open source software and is provided as is, without warranties or guarantees of any kind.